

ACCELERATING OPPORTUNITY: KANSAS (AO-K)

The AO-K program, offered through Washburn Tech, provides an opportunity for individuals to work toward a GED while gaining new technical skills in preparation for a better career. With a GED and technical credentials, students have better options in today's economy.

Participants attend adult education classes only until they raise their scores to the level required to enter the AO-K program. Once in the AO-K program, students attend GED classes half-day and technical training half-day. This allows students to finish sooner. An additional AO-K instructor is present in the technical classroom a portion of the time to supplement the instruction and to assist students in the learning process.

Health Care Pathway

The AO-K program at Washburn Tech East offers several pathways. The 14-credit-hour Health Care Pathway focuses on completing the GED and acquiring certification as a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA), Certified Medication Aide (CMA) and Home Health Aid (HHA).

Students also learn OSHA-10 and develop a strong knowledge of medical terminology. These credentials and skills prepare individuals for careers in the fast growing field of geriatric care and other medically related fields.

Building Technology (Carpentry) Pathway

This 25-credit-hour pathway focuses on earning the GED and acquiring skills in framing, finishing, electrical, plumbing, surveying, masonry and other skills to work in the building industry. Students earn the NCCER certification.

What Does It Cost?

The Kansas Board of Regents covers the pathway tuition cost for students without a high school diploma or GED. Students pay a \$30 materials fee and the cost of taking four tests to earn the GED.

AO-K works in concert with the Kansas Department for Children and

Families case managers, Vocational Rehabilitation and Work Force Center case managers to maximize the benefit of training dollars from all sources.

Additional financial assistance is available to students who qualify. See a recruiter for details.

More Pathways on the Huntoon Campus

Additional pathways are available through the AO-K program on Washburn Tech's main campus at 5724 SW Huntoon. A 23-credit-hour fast-track machine tool pathway prepares you to work as a machinist in the manufacturing industry.

A 24-credit-hour fast-track welding pathway leads to a career as a fabrication welder.

Getting Started

Students, enrolling in the AO-K program, must complete an enrollment packet and attend an orientation session. For more information, contact Mandy Cox at 785.670.2601.

Requirements

A \$30 materials fee is required at or before orientation. Participants who are 16 or 17 years of age are required to bring a copy of their Compulsory Attendance Disclaimer form to be eligible to complete the enrollment packet.

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For more enrollment and course schedule information, please contact a Washburn Tech East recruiter. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

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